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9 September 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: House Select Committee Hearings

Searle Field called with respect to the hearings the House Select Committee plans for the next three weeks. The scope of the hearings are to cover the Intelligence Community's record of predicting major events. The countries involved are as follows:

Sept 11 - 1973 Middle East War
12 - Cyprus
18 - Portugal
19 - Tet Offensive
25 - Wrap Up Session
26 - Submarines

With respect to Thursday's hearing, I pointed out that Bill Colby would be the witness and that we were not inclined to present for public hearings witnesses other than the Director or the Deputy Director. We would, however, during executive sessions have specialists available to respond to questions. Field said that Pike would doubtless be unhappy with such a position and that if this is where we stood perhaps Bill Colby should take it up with Congressman Pike.

We should keep in mind that the attempt to put together a hearing for this Thursday is a last minute effort on the part of the staff growing out of Pike's insistence that the hearings begin this week and their late recognition that covert procurement is not a suitable topic at this point (they have postponed it until October). Field is quite apologetic and we should not lose the opportunity to point out to Pike that you just cannot rush into these things the way they appear to be doing.

Field also asked if certain of the post mortems that they have can be sufficiently sanitized so that they may be put into the public record.

Special Counsel to the Director

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 Per your request, attached is item #16 from
 the 11 September Director's Daily Journal.

D/ Executive Secretary

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